



WE NOMINATE

George Augustus Hulett, one of this country's Senior Men of Science and a resident of Princeton for nearly a half-century, who next month at the 117th national meeting of the American Chemical Society will be among the scientists honored for distinguished service to the Society—and to science in general. Closely identified with American research traditions in chemistry, Hulett during his active career wandered far from the laboratory, specialized in troubleshooting and shaped a significant chapter in military annals by helping organize the Army's Chemical Warfare Service.

This 82-year old native of Will County, Ill., prominent in the affairs of learned societies since the 1890's, ranks with the first "war scientists." Exactly one week after the United States declared war in 1917, Hulett was on the high seas as a member of the six-man American Scientific Mission. Together with his associates, he studied scientific developments on European battlefronts and months later upon Pershing's arrival became consulting chemist at A.E.F. Headquarters, planning its chemical division.

Noted as an experimentalist, more concerned with the search for facts than with scientific arguments, Hulett divided his teaching-years between the University of Michigan and Princeton. He started out at the College of New Jersey in 1892

after graduation, later took advanced degrees abroad and finally rejoined the Princeton Faculty in 1905. It was here, long before retirement in 1935, that he originated the system by which graduate students are allowed to serve as part-time assistants in instruction and research in order to help them finance their graduate work—a system since imitated by most other American universities.

Hulett, deeply interested in world politics, biography and history, accepted his first government appointment in 1906 when Theodore Roosevelt named him to the U. S. Assay Commission. He later served as chief chemist of the Bureau of Mines and after World War I devoted long hours to the New Jersey Commission on Workmen's Compensation for Occupational Diseases. Other leading roles in the public service included the chairmanship of the National Research Council's division of chemistry and chemical technology and participation in the International Coal Conference of the early 1930's.

For projecting his knowledge and influence far beyond the boundaries of his chosen field; for continuing to further the well-being of others even after suffering a crippling concussion in 1920; for meriting additional honors at an age when honors customarily belong to the past; he is TOWN TOPICS' nominee for

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Topics of the Town

Warm Winter, Cold Spring. In the weeks to come, there were indications that birds, bees and people would all be confused. After a mild Winter, the long-range weather forecast was for a late Spring. Because a "low pressure trough" that had channeled cold Arctic blasts to the West earlier this year had now moved eastward, predictions were for temperatures three to six degrees below normal until mid-April.

Spring began 24 minutes before midnight on Monday. The season that ended had brought the second warmest December and January on record, but February cooled off to an approximately normal 31.5 degrees. It was also the first month since last May that had been above average in precipitation.

One of the Winter's oddities (74 degrees on January 26) was typical of the fluctuations that bothered the bees. They began their brood rearing a month ahead of schedule, but just about the time that low pressure trough moved East, they cooled off. The result is a serious lack of young bees needed for crop pollination.

To ease the situation, Paul L. Holcombe, state superintendent of bee culture, is making arrangements to let farmers rent bee colonies to speed pollination of fruits and vegetables this Spring. The charge will be from \$5 to \$8 per colony.

But if the bees were behind their production schedule, and the birds in danger of an early-Spring freeze or snowstorm, people were not only confused by the reverse trend in the weather but beset with end-of-the-Winter illnesses. Adults were down with what seemed to be the old-fashioned flu; children had old-fashioned mumps and measles, and an indefinable virus that struck at the throat and sent temperatures up for a week.

Of the Eastern States, New Jersey seemed to be hardest hit, but no one had called the situation an epidemic. Here in Princeton, absenteeism from the schools had been as high as 20 percent earlier in the month, but it was now felt the peak was past. While the increase in sickness might lend weight to the belief that "mild weather in Winter is unhealthy," it also seemed true that there was nothing about the situation that a few days of warm Spring sunshine couldn't cure.

No Time to Raise the Roof. Before the Spring season ends, Princeton's two municipalities may have a problem passed along to them all the way from Washington. With Congress voting to end Federal rent controls as of June 30, the search for a solution has been bequeathed to the individual state legislatures.

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passage of a bill which would put the question of controls squarely up to each municipality. In a community such as this, where the always high cost of living is matched by the still-present housing shortage, ceiling limitation on rents seemed an absolute necessity.

Broadway Backers. Princetonians would find a review of more than normal interest on the entertainment pages of their New York newspapers this Friday. Scheduled for its Broadway opening Thursday night is the new musical, "It's Great to Be Alive." Among those backing the show financially are Mayor and Mrs. P. MacKay Sturges of Westcott Road, Mrs. Edwin T. Goodridge of Province Line Road, George R. Cook 3d of the Princeton-Lawrenceville Road, James Carey of Library Place and Mrs. Brice Hereford of Mountain Avenue.

Politics and Axes. Two unusual political information sessions have been scheduled for the coming week. Monday evening in Miss Fine's School, George R. Griffing —Continued on Page 3

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and Dan D. Coyle will be the principal speakers in a forum entitled "Politics Is Your Business." Sponsored by the League of Women Voters, the meeting has been planned to explain political activity at the local level and to increase Princeton's participation in the two-party system.

Tuesday's gathering, set for the Nassau Street School, will be a "Town Meeting" conducted by Mercer County's legislators: Senator J. Richard Kafes, Assemblymen Richard L. Gray, Raymond Stewart and Frank Thompson. The public is invited to discuss "any legislative matter of interest," to "grind any axe" along such subject-matter, to ask any questions dealing with the manner in which the State is being run. Town meetings of this nature, tried elsewhere in New Jersey, have proved distinctly popular.

M-Bomb. Despite all that has been written about the principles of chain reaction in atomic energy, most laymen are extremely vague about what actually occurs when an A-bomb explodes. To clarify developments for them, Professor Eric M. Rogers has built an M-bomb in Palmer Laboratory. It could kill, but nothing more than 144 mice, for it consists of exactly that many mousetraps, each set to throw two rubber corks into the air when triggered.

Encased in a glass box to permit spectator participation, the M-bomb starts to explode when a single rubber stopper is dropped onto one of the traps. The chain reaction is thus started, for when the trap goes off, its two corks fly into the air and in turn set off two other traps, until the box is a maelstrom of flying corks and snapping traps.

The result is a demonstration of the nuclear reaction in the explosion of an A-bomb, except that corks rather than atomic particles are flying around and mousetraps instead of atoms are exploding. Similar Rogers-inspired exhibits and tricks—in some of his lectures, he appears to be as much magician as physics professor—have led undergraduates to describe his course as "two side-shows and one three-ring circus a week."

Miscellany. Daughters have been born to Mr. & Mrs. Atle Selberg, Mercer Road; Mr. & Mrs. John P. VanZandt, Skillman; Mr. & Mrs. James Thompson, 15 Birch Avenue; Mr. & Mrs. Sherrill Cleland, 402-B Butler Avenue; Mr. & Mrs. James Merrit, 99 Battle Road; sons to Mr. & Mrs. George E. Mowbray, 349 Nassau Street; Mr. & Mrs. Rolf Tjomatol, Sunset Hill Gardens; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Brewton, 100 Stockton Street.

In one of the busiest court sessions in his four years as magistrate, Paul R. Chesbro heard 22 cases Tuesday . . . among them were 14 for speeding and one which brought a \$205 fine to Rich—Continued on Page 5

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"Duel." In his foreword to the book of rules for "Duel," Charles H. Goren, bridge writer, says, "My friend, Norman Haworth, has developed a game of great charm. And our country's need for a good, fast, two-handed card game has always exceeded that for a good 5c cigar." We may not have stated it so succinctly, but we have agreed with his feeling for a long time; and if there are other bridge lovers who frequently have difficulty digging up a third and fourth, "Duel" should fill a definite niche in Princeton, as elsewhere.

Although it is basically a two-handed bridge, the game serves as a palatable, interesting introduction for strangers to bridge. Trick-taking and card-playing skill can both be learned from or improved by mastery of "Duel," which consists of two parts: the "duel" and the "kill." We should like to quote at length from the rule book—it makes intriguing reading even if you never learn the game; but aside from lack of space, lengthy quotations might give our editors the idea that we weren't earning our keep!

Suffice it to say that the first "Duel" sets in Princeton, consisting of instructions, scorepads, tray and cards, attractively boxed, are at The Town Shop, 12 Nassau, for \$2.50. We might add that we've sold ourselves anyway—after finishing this column we plan to relax with a good, fast beginners' game of "Duel."

The "Nutbrown" Chipper. It's an obscure name for a simple gadget, we admit, so we'll hasten to enlighten you. The "Nutbrown" company in England (whence comes the word "chips," perhaps) has designed a wonderful new life-simplifier for makers of French fried potatoes. A confession is in order here, just to make our point: we like French fries; so do most of our friends; and we have never, once made them just because it was so much trouble! But, thanks to the chipper, all that is changed now.

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ard C. Seltzer of Overbrook, Pa.) for drunken driving . . . spraying of trees for the Dutch Elm disease has started, and those who find dead birds believed to be affected by the spray are asked to notify the public works department in Borough Hall, telephone 3495.

Princeton's seven Protestant churches, through a committee of 100 laymen, will sponsor a series of noonday Lenten services from 12 to 12:30 Monday through Friday next week at the First Presbyterian Church . . . the speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Paul A. Wolfe, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church of New York . . . Dr. Charles H. Dodd, emeritus professor of divinity at Cambridge University, will give the lectures on the L. P. Stone foundation at the Theological Seminary . . . speaking on "The Sub-Structure of New Testament Theology," he will be heard in Miller Chapel Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays evenings at 7:30, as well as Wednesday morning at 9:35.

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Copies of the recent survey completed for the health committee of the Council of Community Services may be seen in the Firestone Library, the Public Library and the —Continued on Page 11

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News of the Theatres

THE PLAYHOUSE

Chain Lightning (Thurs.-Sat.) casts Humphrey Bogart as a test pilot flying jet planes for the Army Air Forces. The plot involving his and Raymond Massey's plans to sell the model to the government is routine, but not so the superior photographic effects in the aerial sequences, which considerably heighten the interest.

Stage Fright (Sun.-Wed) is the latest Alfred Hitchcock comedy-melodrama with a cast that includes Richard Todd, Michael Wilding, Jane Wyman and Marlene Dietrich. Scotland Yard in the person of Mr. Wilding is after a suspected murderer in the person of Mr. Todd, with Miss Wyman paying them both attention. The humor is bright, the acting superior but the story is rather heavily loaded with improbabilities.

Montana (Thurs.-Sat.) spins a story of sheepherders seeking to use land reserved for cattle grazing and of the feud that breaks out

between the two factions, one headed by Errol Flynn, the other by Alexis Smith. Picturesque Technicolor photography adds to the treat for Western fans.

THE GARDEN

The Man on the Eiffel Tower (Thurs.-Sat.) pits Franchot Tone as a psychopathic killer against Charles Laughton as a cagy French inspector of police seeking to solve a double murder. The story lacks originality and tends to become complex, but the acting of the two principals and the photographic setting that Paris provides are both solid assets.

You Can't Cheat an Honest Man (Mon.-Tues.) is a 1939 W. C. Fields piece in which he is cast as a penniless Barham half a step ahead of the law. Charlie McCarthy, Mortimer Snerd and Edgar Bergen add to the comedy, which Fields devotees will enjoy.

Midnight in Paris (Wed.), the week's foreign film, casts the French actor Raimu as a typical Gallic vagabond outwitting Paris police in a murder mystery that lays emphasis on comedy. English titles.

Paid in Full (Thurs.-Sat.) is a

pathos-filled story about a woman's mental anguish after she accidentally kills the only child her sister can have. Her "solution" (death in child-birth) is told in a gloomy, drawn-out picture that has good acting and direction but creates a mood of unrelieved tragedy. Elizabeth Scott, Diana Lynn, Robert Cummings.

PROCTER HALL

Charles Rosen, young Princeton alumnus, will be heard in a piano recital this Friday evening at 8:30 in Procter Hall of the Graduate College. He will offer a program of Chopin (two Mazurkas, three Etudes, the Barcarolle, Opus 60; Fantasia in F minor, Opus 49) and Beethoven (Variations on a Theme by Diabelli, Opus 120).

Members of the Friends of Music, the sponsoring group, and their guests will be admitted to the hall before 8:20; all others after that hour. The concert is open to the public without charge.

THE McCARTER

Dreamboat, the Community Players' annual musical, is the world premiere of the Alec Templeton show scheduled for the McCarter next Friday and Saturday evenings.

Much of the action takes place on Coney Island and on a gay excursion boat plying between the recreation center and New York. The time is the turn of the century.

Cast and chorus are large, with leading roles going to Samuel Frantz, Jean Cronk, Robert McCulloch, Beth Strode, William H. Snow, Henry Siegle, Jr. and Mavlova Callahan. John Becker is directing, assisted by Mrs. William Snow.

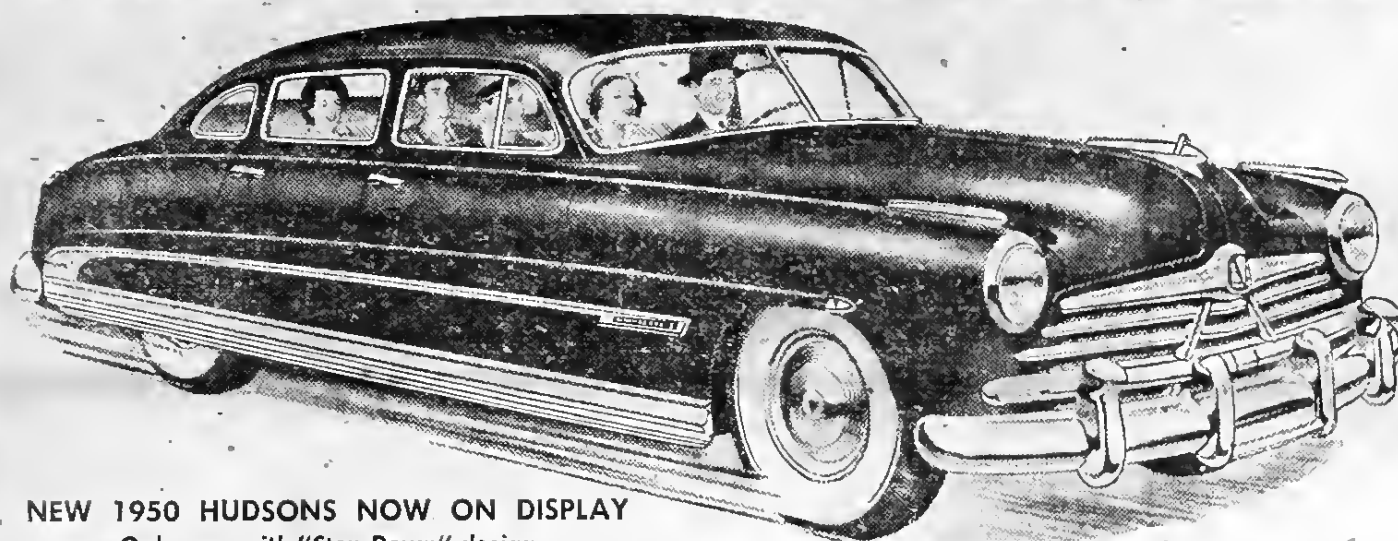
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Diamond Preview. Emerson Dick-
man, the genial baseball coach who
brought Princeton the Eastern
League title in his first year at Uni-
versity Field, is in the position of
having solid material at eight of
nine positions this Spring and yet
not knowing whether he will have
a good ball team. The question
mark is pitching, where Bob Wol-
cott's graduation left a gap that
will be extremely difficult to fill and
into which no member of the 1950
mound corps will be qualified to
step until he has been frequently
tested under fire.

As "sure" a winner as college
baseball is likely to produce, Wol-
cott had an 8-2 record last season
and, in blanking Yale by a 5-0
count last June, strengthened his
reputation as the only Princeton
pitcher ever to shut out Yale and
Harvard in a single season. He ac-
complished this feat twice, his other
three victories being recorded by
1-0 margins.

Dickman, who pitched for the
Red Sox after graduating from
Washington and Lee, is currently
supervising the aspirations of some
15 hurlers. Of this number, one or
more of five are the most likely
bets.

Three of them are holdovers
from the 1949 team. Frank Reich-
el's earned run average of 1.63 top-
ped Wolcott's, but he proved fre-
quently unable to last the distance
and will need to show stamina this
Spring before he can become a
regular starter in the games that
will mark defense of the title. Lou
Gelwicks and Pete Fleming, good
as freshmen two years ago, did not
see much duty last season but re-
tain potential ability. They will go
to the mound several times in the
game-a-day schedule that starts a
week from Saturday.

It appears likely that one or pos-
sibly two of the sophomore crop
will develop into Dickman's first
choices. Ray Chirurugi, a righthand-
er, has control but is vitally in need
of developing a curve. Harry
Brightman, who tosses from the
port side, was good last Spring and
better when he hurled for a Sum-
mer industrial league in Philadel-
phia. At the moment, he's the prin-
cipal hope, but it's a long ways up
from freshman competition, where
half the opposition is of the school-
boy variety.

Veterans on Hand. Elsewhere,
the picture is one that gives prom-
ise of well-played games this sea-
son at University Field. Chuck
Weeden, who has an excellent
throwing arm, will make a strong
bid for the catcher's berth that he
could not compete for as a sopho-
more because of a hairline wrist
fracture sustained toward the end
of the 1949 hockey season.

He'll be battling Bill Prior, one
of the team's best hitters, who held
the position most of last season. If
Weeden lands the job, Prior's
strength at the plate may win him
the right field assignment.

Larry Becker, who held down
first base as a sophomore, is an all-
around ball player who seems likely
to make the starting team again.
But his lack of height could make
him an outfielder if either lanky
John Emery or Ed Reed, a pair of
football ends, are successful in bids
for the first base spot.

Captain Walt Armstrong, a hard
hitter like Prior, is one of the few
players who seems assured of a
place on the team. He'll be at sec-
ond again. Jim Fairchild, possessed
of an unusually strong throwing
arm, is back to battle for his short-
stop berth, with Jack Blessing of
the sophomore class set to give him
a run for it.

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SPORTS IN SHORT

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Ed Irvin, Bill Hughes, Mike Kearns and Hoby Kreidler are all listed as third-base candidates. Irvin had the nod there most of last year. Neither he nor Hughes is particularly strong with the bat, whereas Kreidler, last year's freshman captain, comes up with something of a reputation as a slugger. Kearns, basketball captain-elect, was ineligible last season but is a natural athlete and will make his presence felt. If two of the four third base candidates click at the plate and afield, one of them might get the job at short.

Carl Gruber is the principal outfield veteran to return, with George Kepler and Sam Bird gone. Jack Rydel, a good ballhawk, may replace Kepler in the important centerfield area; as indicated, Prior, Becker or any other player who hits and shows reasonable flycatching ability may start in right.

With Dickman at the helm, the Tigers will run the bases well and will bunt in able fashion, two marks of a good college baseball team. Fielding ability will be high, and strength at the plate, while unlikely to make headlines, appears to be an improvement over last year.

But pitching is 90 percent of college ball, and Princeton's power in that department is very much of a question mark. If it develops, the Orange and Black will have a good chance of duplicating its 1941-42 feat of taking the title two years running. The odds, of course, are stacked against the Tigers, and it must be recalled that last year's combination of rained-out games for other colleges and June upsets of favored teams was all the luck Princeton can expect for some time to come.

Brawnier to the Fore. Yale's domination of the Eastern intercollegiate swimming championships at Annapolis last weekend was as complete as was expected, with the result that Bob Brawnier's twin triumphs in the breaststroke really stole the headlines. The 20-year-old sophomore had not been figured to top Olympic champion Joe Verduer, despite his new world mark of 2:13.1 established against Dartmouth the preceding week.

But after Verduer moved into the lead because of a better start, Brawnier overhauled him in the final lap to win by an arm's length. His notable victory, first over the La Salle star in four races against him, broke Verduer's official world's record of 2:14.7 by a half second. Saturday night, Brawnier added the 100-yard crown to his collection with a 1:00.1 effort while Verduer stayed out of the event to concentrate on winning the individual medley. The two meet again this weekend in the nationals at Columbus, Ohio, and next Friday and Saturday in the A.A.U.'s at New Haven.

Sella Most Valuable. Denied the district N.C.A.A. bid (which rightfully went to C.C.N.Y., winner of the National Invitation Tournament), Princeton's basketball team nevertheless continued to accumulate honors after the season ended. Bernie Adams and George Sella were named to the all-league team for the second year in a row. Adams, with 14 points—two first-team votes from each coach—was the only unanimous selection. Sella, who garnered 13, was also named the league's most valuable player.

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In Princeton, readers of the New York Times noted the marriage of "Edward Townsend, Princeton Ex-Student," wondered how the Times happened to define him in such fashion when he proved to be a member of the Class of 1905.

In Jersey City, voters were confronted with the problem of picking between two Congressional candidates: James Murray, Jr. and James F. Murray, Jr. The latter tried to have the former barred from running on grounds that the former was only 23 and the minimum age for the House was 25, but the latter's protest was denied on the basis that if the former was elected it was up to Congress to determine whether he could serve. Before that, it will be up to the voters.

In Trenton, patrolman Norbert Skrajewski was recovering from injuries sustained when he was interviewing drivers of two cars that had crashed. A third automobile piled into them, the first snagged his belt buckle as it catapulted past him, dragging him for 20 feet before the belt snapped.

In Paterson, Mayor Frank De-Vita had a \$5,000 marble monument in the form of a chair ripped from its base and removed to the city dump because he was feuding with the donor, Harry B. Haines, publisher of The Evening News. Mayor De Vita referred to it as "Caesar's chair" and said it represented "dictatorship," specifically, the type supplied by Haines in "running the mayor's office before I took over." Publisher Haines, who gave the monument last Memorial Day as part of a "Plaza of Memories," said the chair has been "a symbol of repose since the time of the Greeks."

In Wanaque, Mayor John Guide told councilman Ralph Conklin "to get tough" with 81 delinquent water accounts owed to the borough. When the latter reported that Guide was among the first named, the mayor quickly commented, "We better go over that list first and see what errors there are in it."

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The New Jersey Poll

LARGE MAJORITY OBJECTS
 TO GOVERNMENT'S POLICY
 OF BUYING UP POTATOES

The Federal government's potato-
 buying program is definitely not
 popular with the New Jersey pub-
 lic. In 1948 this
 potato-buying
 program cost the
 Federal govern-
 ment nearly a
 quarter of a bil-
 lion dollars. In
 that year, 133 mil-
 lions of bushels of
 potatoes were
 bought up, of
 which slightly
 more than eight
 million bushels
 came from New
 Jersey farms—64

percent of the entire New Jersey
 potato crop.

The issue of potato subsidies and
 surplus potatoes has already raised
 fireworks in this session of Con-
 gress. And what to do with surplus
 potatoes for next year is one of the
 questions that Congress must de-
 cide very soon.

To find out what the New Jersey
 public thinks about the potato-buy-
 ing program, New Jersey Poll staff
 reporters put this question to an ac-
 curate cross-section of the state's
 voters.

"The government in Washington
 buys up tens of millions of bushels
 of potatoes each year to keep the
 market price of potatoes up and in-
 sure a fair income to the growers.
 What is your opinion of this gov-
 ernment potato price support pro-
 gram? Would you say that in gen-
 eral you approve or disapprove of
 the program?"

Here is the vote:

Approve	22%
Disapprove	74
No opinion	4

Significantly, Democrats, Repub-
 licans and Independents alike frown
 on the Federal government's pota-
 to-buying program:

	Approve	Disapprove
Republicans	12%	85
Democrats	31%	64
Independents	18%	78

The respective "no opinion" vote
 was three, five and four percent.

The cost to the consumer of sub-
 sidies for potatoes and other farm
 products, in the form of high prices,
 is one of the factors that led Secre-
 tary of Agriculture Charles F.
 Brannan to propose the plan that
 bears his name. Under this plan,
 farm prices would be allowed to
 seek their own levels, without any
 government supports. The govern-
 ment would then make up the dif-
 ference to the farmer between the
 price he gets for his products and
 the price guaranteed him under the
 Brannan Plan.

The plan, which seeks to accom-
 plish the double purpose of low
 prices to consumers and good in-
 come to farmers, has already
 aroused a controversy among both
 farmers and Congressmen. The is-
 sue promises to be a highly contro-
 versial one in Congress during the
 coming weeks.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

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Theological Seminary library...
 Fred Almgren and Michael Artin
 have been chosen to represent
 Princeton High School in the first
 "State Physics Day" to be held
 Saturday at Rutgers... students
 from all over New Jersey will
 compete for prizes in an achieve-
 ment test, the undertaking being
 planned to uncover talent in phys-
 ics among high school students in
 the State.

Proving that he is both scholar
 and athlete, Don Cohn, center on
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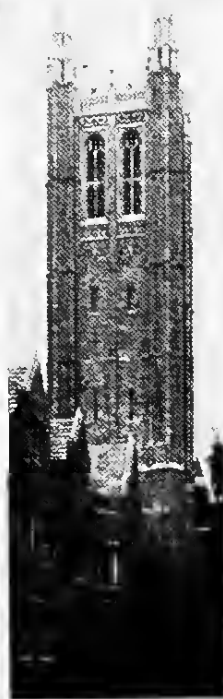
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